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Emma Best

RE: Public Records Request – Anonymous and general hacktivists

Dear Ms. Best:

This serves as initial response to your May 30, 2019 Public Records Request directed to the Rhode Island State Police for various information related to "Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective...) or hacktivism" between 1 2009 and 1 January 2019. Your request is governed by the Access to Public Records Act contained in R.I.G.L. Chapter 38-2. In response to a request for public records, an agency is required to make available for public disclosure those records that are responsive to a request, are in the possession of the agency and are not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

Please be advised that given the volume of the timeframe for which you are seeking information, along with the number of pending requests, it is not possible to respond to your request within the statutorily prescribed ten (10) days. Therefore, the time for this Department to respond is hereby extended an additional twenty (20) days as set forth in R.I.G.L. Section 38-2-7(b).

Thank you for your time and anticipated cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Andrews", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul L. Andrews, Esq.  
Chief Legal Counsel

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